

BILL ADDS A WORD

Short History of the Great Discoverer by a Faithful Pen.

HOW HE ROSE IN RENOWN

Some Account of the Way He Started Out in Life and Began to Have His Picture Taken—Discovery.

The great demand for more and more Columbus literature has brought out many new facts regarding the great discoverer, and yet many inquiries are referred to this office every day regarding the personal history of Columbus, his education, etc., notwithstanding the fact that every newspaper and magazine for the past six months has ransacked the Old and New Worlds for data regarding him.

It may not be out of place, therefore, to summarize regarding the great navigator for the benefit of those who have no time to read voluminous biographies, but who are in search of something terse, yet trustworthy.

Columbus was the eldest son of Domínguez Colombo and Susanna Fontanarrosa, and he was born, it is thought, in



COLUMBUS SITS FOR HIS PORTRAIT. 1492, at Genoa. He died May 20, 1506, at Valladolid, from collapse and coma brought on by having tried to resemble his different portraits.

The most reliable biographer of the great admiral who so soon noted the value of America as an opening for the soiled and oppressed of the Old World, where they could come and bring their cholera with them, was Fernando Colombo, the son.

Christopher Columbus was educated at the normal school in Paris, where he stood well in mathematics, and especially in trigonometry, or the science of triangles.

Antonio de Ternago was his tutor, it is said. De Ternago was the originator of the mathematical discovery that in addition a great saving of time and also greater accuracy may be secured by setting down the right hand figures and carrying the tens to the next column.

At the age of fifteen Columbus became a sailor and began sitting for his picture.

There were three sons in the Columbus family and one daughter, who married a butcher. Her brother, it is said, on his first voyage brought with him from America a dozen softshell crabs and a diamond back terrapin for his sister's husband, but no one would purchase them, and they perished on his hands. This brother-in-law afterward wrote a place for the paper stating that reciprocity with America was not what it had been cracked up to be.

Another biographer says that Columbus went to sea at the age of fourteen, but this may be because of the conflict regarding the year of his birth.

Columbus was soon placed in command of a cruiser and visited the archipelago. He also went to Iceland, hoping to find an open polar sea. This is not generally known, but I get it pretty straight and have no reason to doubt it.

He visited what was then called Frisland, or Glimma Thula, from the Latin tongue, and signifying the jumping off place. It was what is now called Iceland, and Columbus was one of the earliest navigators to penetrate to the region of the pole and leave a pandaloon button on the axle of the world. On his return he said that the only thing in favor of that country as a home was that there were neither mosquitoes nor malaria there. He asked of a town, but the claim was jumped by a town bear and reverted to the Columbus family.

Las Casas describes Columbus as having a long face, ready in places, an aquiline nose, clear gray eyes, a quick, commanding glance, and light hair, which had begun to grow gray at thirty.

He fell in love with and married Filipa Moniz de Palenstrella, who was in the convent where he used to pray of a morning. Her father was very poor, being a warrior of Porto Santo and trying to live on his salary. This had never been tried before and has not been attempted since. He died leaving little except a chart of the world, together with what was supposed then to be an accurate drawing of the underpinning upon which it rested.

Not long after this Columbus confided in Paolo Tascarelli his belief that it would now be a good time to discover America.

Tascarelli was a physician and cosmographer of that place and a man rather in advance of his time, as was Columbus. Tascarelli lived on his practice as a physician and relied very little on what he could make as a cosmographer.

He was the first physician to discover that the fly of Spain, if collected in large quantities and placed on the human skin, would make a blister. Let us not, then, in our enthusiasm over Columbus forget the man who discovered the blister and perfected it.

Columbus and Tascarelli were great friends, and one day the former said to Tascarelli:

"Doc, I feel almost certain that I too, am going to discover something. You now feel of course elated over the discovery of the blister, but the day will come when I, too, shall be looked up to, and people will come for miles to eat their luncheons over my grave."

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co-operate with some one who had means. He first approached the senate of Genoa. His application was referred to the committee on Indian affairs. The paper read as follows:

To the Honorable Senate of Genoa: Gentlemen—It has occurred to me that if we are going to discover America it is high time we should go about it. If we delay, Rome will do it and get her name in the papers. At the present time I am out of employment, and so if I had the means, I have a chart left me by my father-in-law which I am sure will aid me in discovering America and making it a popular resort for Spanish cholera and any overproduction of leprosy or virus which may be seeking an outlet in a new country.

If you should not see fit to aid me in opening up a new world, which will aid its cholera, in Chicago, I hope, I shall have to apply to John II, who has already partially promised to fit me out and also to keep my family in groceries during my absence.

Trusting that you will take hold of this matter, authorizing me not only to discover America, but anything else I can lay my hands on, I remain, your obedient servant, Christopher Columbus.

Care Lotos club, Genoa.

The senate fooled along from day to day with this matter, tabling it, referring it, postponing it, reporting adversely and recommending it to other committees till Columbus got weary and went to John II, who treated him the same way, only worse, inviting friends in to Columbus days to hear this great original "rainbow chaser" go on about what he could do if he could only get money enough to discover America.

Let us pass over this sad era in the life of Columbus. It is too pathetic to discuss. He was on his ears, as Tascarelli said at the time, and earning nothing. He was well fitted for the position to which he aspired, but there was so little demand then for discoverers that he was well high discouraged. This should teach us that we must fit ourselves for something for which there is a demand.

It is true that the glory of discovering a world is something, but it comes too late to be used as collyer of attention four hundred years afterward is a good thing—better than to be forgotten—but it does not surround the children with all well underwear at the time.

Indignant at Portugal, and left a widower at an early age with one son, and no money whatever, this sorrowful advance agent of freedom and prosperity—this sad eyed prophet of happy and well protected industry—dropped down hopelessly in the Franciscan Convent of St. Mary's of Rabida, in Andalusia, worn and weary, sorrowful and despondent.

The prior, who was leading a very busy life absorbing Ferdinand and Isabella twice a week, took Columbus to these monarchs and also put him up at the club for two weeks.

Columbus spoke about how well the queen's dress was draped, and admired it so much that he was asked to come and dress with them on Friday and meet a well known English author, who was in town over night with a view to writing a book on it.

The great navigator made a good impression on both sovereigns, and ere long they had agreed to fit out three catboats for the work.

Ferdinand had no means at hand, however, except an English breechloading gun, a red setter and a pair of high rubber boots. Isabella also reported the treasury to be insolvent, but she was a woman of great resources at such times, and although, as a matter of fact, the very throne she sat on was being paid for in weekly installments, she gave music lessons, gave readings from her own works and ran errands till she had the money.

Columbus took it with tears and went at once to have his picture taken. When not discovering America this was his sole recreation. Every time he shaved or cut his hair he had a cabinet picture taken of himself in a new attitude.

Getting a steamer chair near the place where his picture was taken, he went aboard the boat at once, and was soon a more speck on the horizon.

On the 12th of October, 1492, after a long wet tramp over an unknown sea, a man came down into the steerage, where

THE LANDING OF COLUMBUS. Columbus was eating a watermelon, and calling him to one side and drawing his ear toward him said in a low voice, "Land, ho!"

"Land, ho!" exclaimed Columbus. "What, sailor?" said the man, "if you wish to discover America you will never have a better time."

So Columbus went up on deck and attended to it. Columbus was far in advance of the times in which he lived, but there were many times when he could not get a sack of flour. He was a great genius, but had very little fun.

When he wanted to make a hit everybody called him a crank, and after he had made it all his neighbors said they put him up to it.

Jealousy put him in jail and subsequently fought over his bones, and it is only 400 years after his discovery that special rates are to be made over the railroads on account of it.

Columbus found also the West Indian slave trade, but was sorry for it afterward.

He was also tried on his return for having discovered Fire Island, but was successful in proving an alibi and was acquitted.

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out a cake of reddish transparent soap. "My object in calling?"

"I told you I didn't want anything." "Is to introduce to your notice a superior brand of—"

"I've got no time to listen to you, sir." "Bassett's soap. I guarantee this soap, madam, to remove grease spots from a rag carpet or a lacquer with-out a particle of injury to either. As a—"

"How many more times have I got to tell you," said the woman raising her voice, "that I don't want anything!"

"Shaving soap," persisted the peddler, raising his voice also, "I can recommend it as the best in use. It makes a beautiful—"

"Of all the bold, impudent creatures I ever saw, you are the boldest!"

"Crammy lather that does not dry on the face. Used according to directions it will cure chaps, remove freckles, obliterate tan and sunburn, and—"

"Take it somewhere else! I don't want it!" she vociferated, shutting the door in his face.

"Wash stains out of marble and furniture," yelled the peddler, "without leaving a mark of any kind on their polished surface. To introduce the soap into this neighborhood I am selling it at ten cents a cake, and I don't care a pinch of salt whether you buy it or not, ma'am! Do you hear that? I'm paid by the day to go round and get off this speech, and when I strike a house," he continued in a voice that jarred the windows, "I'm going to get it off if I have to howl it down the chimney! That's all I've got to say this time, ma'am, and I'll be around here again in exactly thirty days!"

He turned on his heel, wiped the perspiration from his face, took a chew of tobacco and moved on toward the next house.—Chicago Tribune.

Not Wasted.

The Widow Jenkins lives in a small house at the edge of a Maine forest, in the heart of which lies a beautiful lake, much frequented by summer tourists. The widow, assisted by her son Jake, is accustomed to put up the visitors' horses, and to supply the visitors themselves with meals before and after the excursion to the lake. One day she saw a party of four drive up with the guide, and noticing that two of them were ladies, she exclaimed to Jake quite audibly, "Here's another lot o' them cunts!"

Mrs. Jenkins was a good cook, but that day, for some reason, she set before her guests a plateful of cream of tartar biscuits which were of such a leadlike consistency that nobody could eat them. She surveyed her guests with dark disapproval as the meal progressed, and at last swept the plate from the table and saying, "I'm sorry you can't make out 't eat what's set before ye," she left the room.

A slight gloom pervaded the rest of the meal, and Mrs. Jenkins did not reappear. It was dusk when the tourists reached the house again.

"Come right in!" called the owner cheerfully from the kitchen door. "Set right down to your supper; it's all ready an waitin'."

Much gratified by this change in the demeanor of their hostess the party seated themselves at once. The principal dish was an enormous Indian pudding, and being exceedingly hungry they ate it with thankful hearts. When Mrs. Jenkins had seen the last morsel of it disappear she heaved a sigh of relief.

"There," she ejaculated as the company rose from the table, "I sh'd have give you more variety. But I was bound 't git that puddin' eat up! I couldn't bear 't think of all them biscuits bein' wasted, an' it seemed as if you folks had order be the ones 't eat 'em, seen they was made a purpose for ye. An ye have eat 'em; they was worked into that Indian pudding, ev'ry one of 'em! An now I ain't got any hard feelings toward ye."—Youth's Companion.

She Asked Too Much.

"Dearest, dearest Angelina, am I yours?"

"I don't know, Mr. de Monse. Can you keep me in suspenders?" and she looked sternly at him.

"Yes, my own."

"But there are other things. I belong to ten societies for the improvement of the feminine mind. Can you keep house, Mr. de Monse?"

"I will try, my own."

"And cook as your mother used to do?"

"I—I will learn."

"And take Fido out every day to walk?"

"No," said Mr. de Monse in a firm, manly voice. "I draw the line at Fido. I may be weak and effeminate, but when it comes to drawing a feeble minded puddle along the sidewalk by a string, I'm not in it. Farewell, cruel girl, you have made a man of me, and Mr. de Monse walked out, and Angelina saw him no more.—Detroit Free Press.

A Handkerchief Friendship.

Mrs. Goodluck—I don't believe I ever missed any one as I do Mrs. Hitton.

Mrs. Dasher—I didn't know that you were acquainted with her.

Mrs. Goodluck—I wasn't exactly, but we had the same washerwoman and we have been exchanging handkerchiefs for a long time.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Power.

Mother—You shouldn't put that piece of meat on your napkin, Louis. Haven't I often told you that you should leave on the corner of your plate whatever you don't want to eat?

Louis—Yes, but, mother, where is the corner of my plate?—European Exchange.

The Count de Hog.

They were talking of the intelligence of animals.

"I've seen a hog count," he said.

"To have I," she said. "I've seen him count two seats in the car, and take these both himself."—Detroit Free Press.

Literal.

White—I hear the Mooners went to housekeeping right after the wedding. Wonder how they are getting along?

Greene—Not very well, I guess. He told me his cake had been dough ever since.—New York Herald.

Then He Went Away.

Young Mr. Staylate sank back in his chair in the flower bed conservatory and inhaled a gentle breath. "Oh, Miss Genevieve," he murmured, "what is that faint, mysterious perfume that scents the evening air?"

"Mr. Staylate," replied Genevieve abruptly, "that is the mingled odor of breakfast bacon and coffee."—Chicago News-Record.

Business a Secondary Matter.

"I will attend you, ma'am," said the peddler opening his pack, "only a—"

"But I don't want to buy anything," she interrupted.

"'Monse's tea!" he went on, taking

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